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FOLLOWING MSG FROM SONGKHLA RECD ACTION BANGKOK IS REPEATED TO YOU:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SONGKHLA 040

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SUBJECT: PATRIOTISM AND CHAUVINISM IN PATTANI AFTERMATH

1. MOOD OF RTG OFFICIALS HERE AFTER PATTANI DEMONSTRATION (SONGKHLA 029) REFLECTS BOTH ANGER AT MUSLIMS AND DETERMINATION TO HOLD ONTO MUSLIM PROVINCES AT ALL COSTS. I NOW HEAR TALK ABOUT IMPLANTING MORE THAI BUDDHIST SETTLEMENTS IN THE MUSLIM PROVINCES, NOT AN INCH OF THAI SOIL EVER BEING SURRENDERED TO THE SEPARATISTS AND DEMANDS THAT MUSLIMS SHOULD HAVE FEWER NOT MORE RIGHTS THAN THAIS.

2. THAI MARINES HAVE MOVED OFF PATTANI BRIDGE AND INTO NARATHIWAT, SO IN SPITE OF KHUKRIT'S PROMISE TO REMOVE TDY SOLDIERS AND POLICE RTG FORCES STILL MORE OR LESS REMAIN IN PLACE. EXPECT THIS WILL CONTINUE. INDEED, CHECKPOINTS ON ROADS NOW IN MUSLIM PROVINCES SEEM MORE EFFICIENT AND POLICE ACTUALLY LOOKING IN CARS RATHER THAN YAWNING THEM PAST AS WE PREVIOUS ROUTINE.

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3. WHILE HARSH ATTITUDES MENTIONED ABOVE PROBABLY MEAN FUTURE

CONFRONTATIONS WITH MUSLIM MAJORITIES IN SOUTHEASTERN PROVINCES,  
BELIEVE AGGRESSIVE AND PATRIOTIC FERVORS NOOELBRTHY, SINCE THIS  
CHAUVINISM COMES FROM THE SAME PEOPLE WHO PREVIOUS UTTERED LINES  
LIKE "SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE UNITED STATES AS A REFUGEE". WE ALL  
SEE CURRENT DEFEATIST ATTITUDE AMONG SOME THAI WHO JOKE OR TALK  
EARNESTLY ABOUT EVENTUAL COMMUNIST VICTORY HERE OR WHO SEE THAILAND AS

"NEXT DOMINO". SUGGEST WE SHOULD PUT THIS PROTECTION OF THAI SOIL  
FEELING INTO THE EQUATION AS WELL, THOUGH, SINCE WHEN ACTUALLY CON-  
FRONTED BY ALIENS THE THAI DO GET THEIR PATRIOTIC BACK UP.  
GRANTED THE POOR MUSLIMS ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO HANOI AS A FOE;  
HOWEVER, THIS NEW ATTITUDE COULD ILLUSTRATE THAT THAI WILL  
ONLY GET DEEPLY THEIR INSURGENCY IF AND WHEN IT SIGNIFICANTLY  
THREATENS THE THAI HEARTLAND, AND THAT THEY MAY EVEN RESPOND  
TO SUCH A THREAT RATHER THAN ACCOMODATE.

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